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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject Patent Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A connecting structure, comprising:
 - a post with a first end, middle portion, and a second end; and
 - a plurality of prongs flexibly connected to said first end, extending away from said post and toward said second end in a generally V-shape configuration and an abutment stop intermediate said middle portion and said second end.
2. (Withdrawn) The connecting structure of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of prongs are configured to extend through an aperture and expand to a width larger than the aperture.
3. (Withdrawn) The connecting structure of Claim 2, wherein said second end is adapted to be received by a coil spring that is adjacent to said second end of said post.

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4. (Previously presented) A novelty system comprising:

a body having a plurality of apertures;

one or more appendages corresponding to one or more of said plurality of apertures and for securement to project in a displaceably suspended manner from said body, each said appendage including at least one flexible connecting member comprises a coil spring;

a connecting structure that secures said one or more appendages to said body, comprising:

a post with a plurality of prongs flexibly coupled to a first end of said post and adapted to be inserted through said plurality of apertures and retained therein, said prongs extending towards said body to terminate at respective termini for engagement therewith;

one end of said flexible connecting member connected to said connecting structure and another end connected to said body.

5. (Previously presented) The novelty of Claim 4, wherein said one or more appendages comprises a wing structure.

6. (Previously presented) The novelty of Claim 5, wherein said connecting structure includes a second end configured to connect to said one or more appendages.

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7. (Previously presented) The novelty of Claim 6, wherein said one or more appendages comprise an enclosure configured to secure to said second end of said connecting structure.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously presented) The novelty of Claim 8, wherein said connecting member has a spring constant that allows the appendages to be freely movable with respect to said body responsive to wind actuation.

10. (Currently amended) A ~~method of~~ kit for constructing a novelty comprising:

~~shipping in~~ a plurality of detached novelty portions combinable for shipping said novelty in at least a partially unassembled form, manner a said novelty portions comprising which comprises a body with apertures for receiving connecting structures, one or more appendages including at least one flexible connecting member having a coil spring extending therefrom, and connecting structures configured for connection of said appendages to said body[[,]] by connecting one end of said flexible connecting member to said connecting structure and connecting another end to said body;

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~~unpacking said novelty;~~ and

securing said one or more appendages being secured upon assembly of said novelty to project in a displaceably suspended manner from said body by operatively connecting said connecting structures with said apertures of said body, positioning thereby a plurality of prongs flexibly coupled to a first end of each said connecting structure to extend towards said body, said prongs terminating at respective termini for engaging said body.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~kit method~~ of Claim 10, wherein ~~said securing includes inserting~~ said connecting structures are inserted into said apertures.

12. (Withdrawn) A method for constructing a connecting connector, comprising:

producing a post with securing prongs;

inserting said post into a first end of a connecting member; and

coupling said post to said connecting member.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 12, further comprising coupling a second end of said connecting member to an appendage.

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14. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13, wherein said connecting member is a coil spring.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 14, wherein said connecting member is generally L-shaped.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 15, wherein said coupling the post comprises heating said post to create a barrier such that said connecting member is not easily removable from said post.